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SENATE BILL

No. 875

Introduced by Senators Runner and Florez

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Sections 8482.3 and 8483.3 of the Education Code, relating to after school programs, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 875, as amended, Runner. After School Education and Safety Program: career technical education.

(1) The After School Education and Safety Program creates incentives to establish after school enrichment programs that partner schools and communities to provide academic and literacy support and safe constructive alternatives for pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 9, inclusive, at participating public elementary, middle, junior high, and charter schools.

Existing law requires that local program components provide, among other things, education enrichment, which may include, but need not be limited to, fine arts, recreation, physical fitness, and prevention activities.

The existing act continuously appropriates to the department to use specified funds to provide training and support to ensure quality program implementation, development, and sustainability. The existing act prohibits any change to these provisions, except to further its purpose by a bill passed by a majority of the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

This bill would expand the above-referenced educational enrichment component to include career technical education.

The bill would require a majority of time of participation by a pupil ~~in who is in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, in a career technical education component of a program~~ to physically take place at a schoolsite, as specified.

Because this bill would make money that is continuously appropriated specifically available for this new purpose, the bill would make an appropriation.

(2) Existing law requires the State Department of Education to consider specified criteria in selecting schools to participate in the program, including, among others, the school's capacity to facilitate better integration with the regular schoolday and other extended learning opportunities, which may include arts, recreation, computer use, and other activities to broaden a pupil's learning experience.

This bill would specify that those extended learning opportunities may include career technical education. ~~The bill would require a majority of those extended learning opportunities to physically take place at a schoolsite, as specified.~~

The bill would declare that its provisions further the purposes of the act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8482.3 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 8482.3. (a) The After School Education and Safety Program
4 shall be established to serve pupils in kindergarten and grades 1
5 to 9, inclusive, at participating public elementary, middle, junior
6 high, and charter schools.
7 (b) A program may operate a before school component of a
8 program, an after school component, or both the before and after
9 school components of a program, on one or multiple sites. ~~The~~
10 ~~majority of the time of participation by a pupil in a program shall~~
11 ~~physically take place at a schoolsite described in subdivision (a)~~
12 ~~schoolsites~~. If a program operates at multiple schoolsites, only
13 one application shall be required for its establishment.
14 (c) Each component of a program established pursuant to this
15 article shall consist of the following two components:

1 (1) An educational and literacy component whereby tutoring
2 or homework assistance is provided in one or more of the
3 following areas: language arts, mathematics, history and social
4 science, computer training, or science.

5 (2) A component whereby educational enrichment, which may
6 include, but need not be limited to, fine arts, career technical
7 education, recreation, physical fitness, and prevention activities,
8 is provided. ~~The Notwithstanding any other provision of this~~
9 ~~article, the majority of the time of participation by a pupil in this~~
10 ~~component who is in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 8,~~
11 ~~inclusive, in a career technical education component of a~~
12 ~~program shall physically take place at a schoolsite described in~~
13 ~~subdivision (a).~~

14 (d) Applicants for programs established pursuant to this article
15 may include any of the following:

16 (1) A local education agency, including a charter school.

17 (2) A city, county, or nonprofit organization in partnership
18 with, and with the approval of, a local education agency or
19 agencies.

20 (e) Applicants for grants pursuant to this article shall ensure
21 that each of the following requirements is fulfilled, if applicable:

22 (1) The application documents the commitments of each
23 partner to operate a program on that site or sites.

24 (2) The application has been approved by the school district
25 and the principal of each participating school for each schoolsite
26 or other site.

27 (3) Each partner in the application agrees to share
28 responsibility for the quality of the program.

29 (4) The application designates the public agency or local
30 education agency partner to act as the fiscal agent. For purposes
31 of this section, “public agency” means only a county board of
32 supervisors or, where the city is incorporated or has a charter, a
33 city council.

34 (5) Applicants agree to follow all fiscal reporting and auditing
35 standards required by the department.

36 SEC. 2. Section 8483.3 of the Education Code, as amended
37 by Section 1 of Chapter 582 of the Statutes of 2000, is amended
38 to read:

39 8483.3. (a) The department shall select applicants to
40 participate in the program established pursuant to this article

1 from among applicants that apply on forms and in a manner
2 prescribed by the department. To the extent possible, the
3 selection of applicants by the department shall result in an
4 equitable distribution of grant awards pursuant to Section 8483.7
5 to applicants in northern, southern, and central California, and in
6 urban, suburban, and rural areas of California.

7 (b) The department shall consider the following in selecting
8 schools to participate in the program established pursuant to this
9 article, with primary emphasis given to items (1) through (5):

10 (1) Strength of the educational component.

11 (2) Quality of the educational enrichment component.

12 (3) Strength of staff training and development component.

13 (4) Scope and strength of collaboration, including
14 demonstrated support of the schoolsite principal and staff.

15 (5) Capacity to facilitate better integration with the regular
16 schoolday and other extended learning opportunities. These
17 opportunities may include arts, career technical education,
18 recreation, computer use, and other activities to broaden the
19 pupil's learning experience. ~~The majority of these opportunities~~
20 *Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the majority*
21 *of the time of participation by a pupil who is in kindergarten or*
22 *any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, in a career technical education*
23 *component of a program shall physically take place at a*
24 *schoolsite described in subdivision (a) of Section 8482.3.*

25 (6) Inclusion of a nutritional snack.

26 (7) Employment of CalWORKs recipients.

27 (8) Level and type of local matching funds.

28 (9) Capacity to respond to program evaluation requirements.

29 (10) Demonstrated fiscal accountability.

30 (c) The department shall develop reporting requirements and
31 allocation procedures, including procedures to reimburse startup
32 costs for programs established pursuant to this article.

33 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that this act
34 furthers the purposes of the After School Education and Safety
35 Program.